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Kleinert's of Alabama breaks ground for 43,000 square foot expansion

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Kleinert's of Alabama management officials announced Tuesday morning plans for a 43,000 square foot expansion of their manufacturing plant in Elba. Included in the expansion will be the installation of an additional computerized automatic cutting machine and a substantially increase in the material cutting capacity of the local plant. Presently the Elba plant consists of 340,000 square feet under one roof. In addition, there is some locally leased space and raw materials stored in about 70 trailer vans. The raw materials in these vans will be moved into the expanded warehouse area upon its completion.

The addition will be on the West side of the plant and will eliminate some of the parking spaces in that parking lot. Company officials say they expect to put in more employee parking spaces on the East side of their complex, or just off Industrial Blvd.

Following the construction work, the company will be prepared for expected increased sales and a move to the Elba plant of the warehousing and shipping operations of the Kleinert's Woven Bottoms busi-

ness now in Largo, Florida, thus centralizing their cutting and shipping work.

The local plant is already doing cutting for their sewing operation in Central America and contract cutting for several plants in Mexico as well as supplying the needs for the

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Tom Bowles,
Vice Chairman &
Co-CEO

large sewing operation in Elba. At present there are 830 people employed in the Elba facility, according to Personnel Manager Bud Daniels.

Kleinert's is consistently on the cutting edge of technology and the results is they are continuing to grow while many other sewing operations are closing up shop because they can't successfully compete in the ultra fast world of international manufacturing and marketing. Company executives on Tuesday were relating situations

where they are in national conferences with large multinational firms and often held up as examples of how to successfully integrate information instantly between all levels of industry from raw goods maker and supplier to manufacturer and the ultimate customer.

Tom Bowles, Vice Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Kleinert's Inc. said, "This expansion of our operations in Elba is a further sign of Kleinert's commitment to our associates in Elba and the community at large. The Elba operation has been and continues to be the heart of our manufacturing operations."

Following the official announcement and the ground breaking ceremony by company executives, assisted by city, county and state officials, the invited guests were treated to refreshments and a tour of the local sewing plant. Hosting the entire event was Pinckney Sims, the Executive Vice President and General Manager of Kleinert's of Alabama.

In 1999 Kleinert's Inc. will observe its 130th anniversary and Kleinert's, Inc. of Alabama will celebrate 30 years of service in this community.



GROUND BREAKING ACTIVITIES for the 43,000 square ft. expansion at Kleinert's were held Tuesday morning. Taking part in turning the first shovel of dirt were from left County Commission Chairman Robert Stephens, Executive Vice President Pinckney Sims, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Corporate Vice President and Co-Chief Executive Officer Tom Bowles, Vice President Myrna Cowen, State Representative Garrett Moore and Corporate Executive Vice President Joe Connors.

Commission meeting almost sets record

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting in regular session almost set a record for short meetings; however, a "five minute recess" and the county engineer's being out of the room prevented that.

The first order of business was to formally award the annual bid for the striping of the county's highways. In the last meeting, the lone bid from Ozark Striping Company Inc. of \$162,979.40 was tabled to allow time for County Engineer Randy Tindell to negotiate with the company.

The bid law, in the case of only one bid being received, allows the county to negotiate a lower price - if possible - providing there are no changes made in the specifications of the original bid.

In this instance, the three-week wait in making this bid award saved

Coffee County several thousand dollars - \$13,965.10.

Continuing with the bid openings, commissioners opened bids on two gully repair projects (emergency watershed protection projects - bid numbers 98-29 and 98-34) which are being done as a joint project with the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Regency Construction, Inc. of Slidell LA submitted the lowest bid of the seven received. Their total bid on 98-29 was \$72,222.00 and \$99,222.00 on 98-34.

The 98-29 project include the repair of gullies on Co. Rds. 415, 416 and three sites on 477. There are three gully repair sites located on Co. Rd. 492 to be repaired under the 98-34 project. Higher bids in the range of \$200,000.00 plus were received from other contractors on the projects.

Regency's bid on both projects were accepted by the commission, contingent on concurrence from the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Tindell later asked for and received permission to send out bid requests for the repair of several other gully stabilization sites located on Co. Rds. 154, 264, 518, 522, 523, 525, 528, 536, 544 and 545.

The annual bid for furnishing steel pipe to the county highway department was awarded to Harvey Culvert Company of Onetia, AL. Their total bid was for \$11,017.74.

Finally, Tindell expressed publicly his appreciation for the manner in which area volunteer firemen support his personnel, and on their own, respond to emergencies which arise from time to time within the county.

He stated that last Thursday was a good example of this willingness to help. Volunteers from the Zion Chapel, Five Star and Tri-Community volunteer fire departments were out in force clearing downed trees from roadways in several places throughout the county.

The commission voted to send letters to each department commending them for their efforts during this time as well as the many times in the past.

Turning to other matters, Commission Chairman Robert Stephens reminded members of the commission that three (3) of the rural voting houses still do not have bathroom facilities. He made the motion that bid requests be sent out immediately for the installation of septic tanks at these three houses.

Also, after the septic tanks are installed, the county maintenance department install the bathrooms as soon as possible. The motion passed unanimously.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley, as a matter of information, told commissioners that he had received notification from the Alabama Retirement system that the cost-of-living recently approved by the state legislature for retirees would cost the county an additional \$1,356.92 per month should they elect to approve the raise.

Although the legislature voted the raise in, local commissions have to approve or disapprove the increase for county retirees participating in the state retirement system.

At the present time, the county is paying \$36,495.00 annually as a supplement to the retirement system and the increase - should the commission approve it - will put that figure at more than \$53,000.00. This revenue comes out of the general fund.

The commission took no action on the retirees' raise; however, action for or against will be taken at a meeting in the near future.

Several weeks ago, commissioners voted to install a "better" sound system in the Community Room. When large groups are present, it is difficult for members of the press covering the meeting and members of the audience to hear what commissioners are saying.

A motion to accept the low bid of \$3,000 from Dyess Music of Opp to install an "adequate" sound system in the meeting room was passed unanimously by commissioners. The sound system should be ready for use at the commission's next regular meeting.

Finally, the commission passed a resolution allowing the chairman to enter into an agreement with the state highway department in making emergency repairs to county highways eligible for funding from the Federal Highway Administration. This was done at the request of the county engineer.

Before the meeting adjourned, Assistant County Engineer Marty Lentz was recognized by Tindell as now being a "licensed professional engineer." Lentz was given a round of applause by those present.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 1998, in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

NEWS BRIEF

The Boll Weevil has been stolen from atop the monument in downtown Enterprise.

According to city officials, the bug was stolen in type early hours last Saturday morning. A report was received by police department shortly before 2 a.m. that several young white male were spotted "hanging around" the statue. When officers arrived, the boll weevil was gone and the "lady" holding the bug was badly damaged by the vandals. The monument is covered by insurance up to \$50,000; however, officials would like to have the boll weevil returned. The last time the statue was taken was in 1974 when pranksters "kidnapped" the entire statue - boll weevil and all! Anyone having any information concerning this crime is asked to call the Enterprise Police Department at 347-1211.

Professional Personnel

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Accepted the resignation of Audrey Payne as fifth-grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School (NBES).

Approved Ina Littleton's transfer from JTPA position at NBHS to 7th & 8th science teacher at NBHS.

While dealing with money, the board also adopted an amended budget to reflect the additional revenue received throughout the school year from the Public School College Authority (PSCA) for building projects. Monies was also received through a grant from Goals 2000 for the enhancement of technology.

Several personnel changes and additions were approved by the board. They were as follows:

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Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY MISS AGRICULTURE. The Coffee County Miss Agriculture pageant will be held Friday, July 24, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium. The pageant is open to girls between the ages of 17-25. A luncheon and an interview process will be held. The winner will receive a cash prize and an all expense paid trip to the state competition in Mobile. There is no entry fee. For more information call Betsy Watson at 897-8243 or Sharon Caylor at 894-5624.

COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION TALENT CONTEST. The Coffee County Farmers Federation will hold their annual talent contest on Friday, July 24, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium. The contest is open to males and females between the ages of 17-25. A luncheon and an interview process will be held. The winner will receive a cash prize and an all expense paid trip to the state competition in Mobile. There is no entry fee. For more information call Betsy Watson at 897-8243 or Sharon Caylor at 894-5624.

SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE START DATES. The Elba City Schools will begin classes on Tuesday, August 11, 1998. Teachers will attend a teacher institute/in-service on Monday, August 10, 1998. Coffee County Schools will begin on Wednesday, August 5, 1998, for the 1998-99 school year. In order to ensure a smooth opening, parents who plan for their children to attend Kinston, New Brockton or Zion Chapel schools for the first time should register their children at the respective schools between July 20 and July 31. The school offices will be open from 8 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily. New students should bring a copy of their social security card, immunization records and a grade placement from previous schools. Kindergarten students must also furnish a copy of their birth certificate. Proof of residence should be presented when registering. Students who live within the school district will be given priority in registering.

MAJOR ELBA BLOOD DRIVE. Elba Mayor James Grimes is designating Friday (TOMORROW), July 17, as American Red Cross Day in Elba. Due to this "high risk" time of the year and constant hospital needs for blood, local pastors, city employees and officials, and industry leaders are teaming up to do their part in contributing to the blood supply by supporting this major Red Cross Blood Drive. This blood drive is part of a national appeal from the American Red Cross and it will be held at the Elba First United Methodist Church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on July 17. The theme for this drive is "Help Us Help You." Hamburgers will be provided for those giving blood. Red Cross personnel and those assisting, compliments of Dorsey Trailers Inc.

BRAINSTORMS

One day last week we got one of those all too rare, but great, uplifts. On a trip to make what has become a routine type picture of volunteers coming to Elba to help flood victims, we found some inspiring teenagers. This was a group from Largo, FL, who had been in Elba several days helping homeowners who were still trying to clean and/or repair their flood damaged homes. These young folks had been working in that hot sun, sleeping in a non-air conditioning area of the National Guard Armory, in sleeping bags, yet their smiles and enthusiasm would inspire anyone they met. In fact there were three or four who would have been glad to claim as our own right there in that front yard. But alas, they boarded their bus and headed back home to enjoy the Florida beaches, air conditioning and an easy chair in front of the TV with a telephone at their ear ... at least that is the stereotype we have of teens. Oh, by the way ... they were a group of teens from a Methodist Church (we had to throw in that plug for our church).

In stark contrast to the great youths above, someone or some group filled with boredom or excessive meanness (or both), vandalized the Enterprise Boll Weevil monument last weekend. This time they did more than just the bug off the top. The arms were also damaged. They were kinda nerval, because the monument is right downtown, with the radio station right there and operating all night plus police driving by often getting from one place to another. Also when you think of all the things in this world ... starting within blocks of where the above damage took place ... which are crying out for the aid of human hands, it can make a person kinda mad when vandals strike so needlessly.

We do have a regret, but it is the results of a positive news release this week. There is a crying need here for a list of all those folks who have been telling us Kleiner's was closing. With that in hand, each one would get a personal copy of this week's paper with the news story about the local plant expansion announced Tuesday morning. Adding an extra 43,000 square feet of floor space and telling of plans to add a quarter million dollar cutting machine is not the actions of a plant going to close any time soon, and surely not on such-and-such a day as we often hear on the streets. Let it be duly recorded that Kleiner's management is concerned from this corner of the world.

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OPINION

Promoting Economic Growth Through Workforce Development

by Dr. Fred Ginnous, Chancellor Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education

Alabama's two-year colleges have reached out actively into their constituent communities to assess the need for vocational/occupational training, and have become sensitive to the fact that those individuals most in need of training for employment, workforce training, and education for career advancement are often the same individuals who are unfamiliar with a campus environment, and are least likely to seek needed services. Consequently, two-year colleges have attempted, through physical proximity and outreach, to meet the demand for workforce training by creating more flexible scheduling and nontraditional delivery systems, offering evening and weekend courses to accommodate employed students, developing and implementing specialized or customized training to meet the needs of employers, and by serving the 1050 businesses and industries

across the state, affecting some 43,000 employees.

The Alabama College System is uniquely positioned to serve as the catalyst for workforce development in the state. It has a complete array of training delivery systems which can be used to serve the citizens of Alabama. Approximately 150 occupational/vocational training programs result in a variety of certificate and degree awards available to those who have college level skills. These training programs vary in length from a few weeks to two years and lead directly to employment.

For those participants lacking college level skills, The Alabama College System has a close working relationship with the Adult Basic Education Program operated by the Alabama Dept. of Education. This program prepares adults who are not high school graduates for the General Education Diploma.

Often offered on two-year college campuses, it provides adults with skills equivalent to those of high school graduates. For first-time stu-

dents requiring additional assistance, routine assessment to identify special learning needs is provided which identifies exactly what kinds of skills need to be improved. The colleges offer a full range of tutoring and remedial/developmental classes and services to remedy skills deficiencies in order to prepare program participants to receive the full benefit of their occupational/vocational program. In addition, special orientation and transition services and programs are provided to ensure student success.

Alabama's two-year colleges have a long history of providing vocational, technical, and career training in fields that reflect the needs of the local economies — often providing some of the most sophisticated training available anywhere in new and emerging technologies.

Alabama's two-year colleges have a close working relationship with local constituents, including local business and industry, many of whose representatives sit on the college's numerous program advisory boards. Two-year colleges already provide a variety of training programs and services to small and medium-sized businesses where the unmet need for worker training is the greatest.

Alabama's two-year colleges have been successful in providing programs and services for adult students, who make up the bulk of the existing workforce that requires additional training and retraining. Two-year colleges have long served special populations including the educationally and economically disadvantaged, individuals with disabilities, dislocated workers, single

parents, displaced homemakers, and criminal offenders.

Two-year colleges have invested in alternative delivery mechanisms, including infrastructure for providing distance education and instructional technology to support independent learning, which are well-positioned to serve adult learners who are often unable to attend regularly scheduled classes on a college campus due to work and family commitments.

Alabama's two-year colleges have also invested heavily in support services for student, especially in student assessment, counseling, educational planning and academic advising, tutoring and remedial education, career development, and job placement that are vital in supporting nontraditional adult education.

Two-year colleges provide quick response to changes in local and regional labor market supply/demand characteristics, resulting in new training programs for business and industry. The Alabama College System can provide pre-vocational skills training and post-training follow-up to prepare students to complete training successfully, and to facilitate the transition from training to the workplace.

When it comes to workforce training, customized training for business and industry, and economic development in general, convenient access to postsecondary education and training is everything. Alabama's two-year colleges are the best vehicle for promoting economic growth through workforce development.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

On April 8, 1998, Mr. Garrett Moore and 48 other Alabama State Representatives voted against the Children's First Bill which would have given the State Dept. of Human Resources the funds needed to protect and promote healing of our abused children.

As a Coffee County foster parent I watch as our local DHR employees work with very little resources to protect and nourish our future. I also have the opportunity to reach out to these children who have become victims of our hostile environment.

I have heard people talk of the foster parents making money off the foster children; if you think you can provide a home, clothing, three hot meals, drive to all medical, counselor or social work appointments for \$7.00 a day, then you are badly mistaken. People board their animals for more money than that.

As I look at my foster children I am amazed that anyone could slam the door on their future like Mr.

Moore and his colleagues did. And then there were 15 legislators who simply did not vote.

If only these representatives could see through the eyes of an abused child, have the heart of a foster parent, wear the shoes of our city fathers, the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development Board, and anyone else, are all doing their utmost to encourage a grocery company to locate in Elba.

It is bad enough to have to keep going out of town for groceries, but it is also bad to not know if there are any plans to help us.

So please use your contacts, your resources, the power of the press and whatever else is available, to help us learn why we can't have a grocery store.

Thank you,

LAURA LYNN BRUNSON
Laura Lynn Brunson, age 19, died Friday, July 10, 1998, having succumbed to leukemia.

Funeral services were held July 14, 1998, at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Montgomery, with Rev. Jay Wolf officiating. Interment was in Alabama Heritage Cemetery, with Brooks-Cargile Funeral Home of Montgomery directing.

Laura was a sophomore at the University of Alabama, and a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She was reared in Montgomery, graduated from St. James School and was a member of First Baptist Church in Montgomery.

The family requests that memorial gifts be made to the "Laura Brunson Memorial Fund," and sent to Central Alabama Community Foundation, 412 N. Hull St., P.O. Box 11587, Montgomery, AL 36111.

Laura requested that these funds be used to support the endeavors of "Camp Bridges," a camp for youth with transplants, coordinated by Childrens Hospital, Birmingham.

Laura is survived by her parents:

Mr. Curtis D. Hodge, age 74, of Rt. 5, Elba, died July 10, 1998, at Baptist Medical Center.

Funeral services were held July 12, 1998, at 4 p.m. at Zoar Holiness

Church, with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial was in the Zoar Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Hodge was a lifelong resident of Coffee County and was preceded in death by a son, Mac Hodge.

Survivors include his wife: Irene Hodge, Elba; step-mother: Arkie Hodge, Elba; daughter-in-law: Kay Hodge, Elba; three daughters and sons-in-law: Linda and Don Flowers, Jack; Dot and David Taylor, Elba; June and Wallace Clerk, Jack; two sons and daughters-in-law: Byron and Jo Hodge, Elba; Chris and Laura Hodge, Elba; five sisters: Lena Rushing, Ila Bell Hudson, and Elvester Johnson, Elba; Odell Hudson and Brunice Hair, Montgomery; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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Dear Sir,

On April 8, 1998, Mr. Garrett Moore and 48 other Alabama State Representatives voted against the Children's First Bill which would have given the State Dept. of Human Resources the funds needed to protect and promote healing of our abused children.

As a Coffee County foster parent I watch as our local DHR employees work with very little resources to protect and nourish our future. I also have the opportunity to reach out to these children who have become victims of our hostile environment.

I have heard people talk of the foster parents making money off the foster children; if you think you can provide a home, clothing, three hot meals, drive to all medical, counselor or social work appointments for \$7.00 a day, then you are badly mistaken. People board their animals for more money than that.

As I look at my foster children I am amazed that anyone could slam the door on their future like Mr.

Moore and his colleagues did. And then there were 15 legislators who simply did not vote.

If only these representatives could see through the eyes of an abused child, have the heart of a foster parent, wear the shoes of our city fathers, the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development Board, and anyone else, are all doing their utmost to encourage a grocery company to locate in Elba.

It is bad enough to have to keep going out of town for groceries, but it is also bad to not know if there are any plans to help us.

So please use your contacts, your resources, the power of the press and whatever else is available, to help us learn why we can't have a grocery store.

Thank you,

LAURA LYNN BRUNSON
Laura Lynn Brunson, age 19, died Friday, July 10, 1998, having succumbed to leukemia.

Funeral services were held July 14, 1998, at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Montgomery, with Rev. Jay Wolf officiating. Interment was in Alabama Heritage Cemetery, with Brooks-Cargile Funeral Home of Montgomery directing.

Laura was a sophomore at the University of Alabama, and a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She was reared in Montgomery, graduated from St. James School and was a member of First Baptist Church in Montgomery.

The family requests that memorial gifts be made to the "Laura Brunson Memorial Fund," and sent to Central Alabama Community Foundation, 412 N. Hull St., P.O. Box 11587, Montgomery, AL 36111.

Laura requested that these funds be used to support the endeavors of "Camp Bridges," a camp for youth with transplants, coordinated by Childrens Hospital, Birmingham.

Laura is survived by her parents:

Mr. Curtis D. Hodge, age 74, of Rt. 5, Elba, died July 10, 1998, at Baptist Medical Center.

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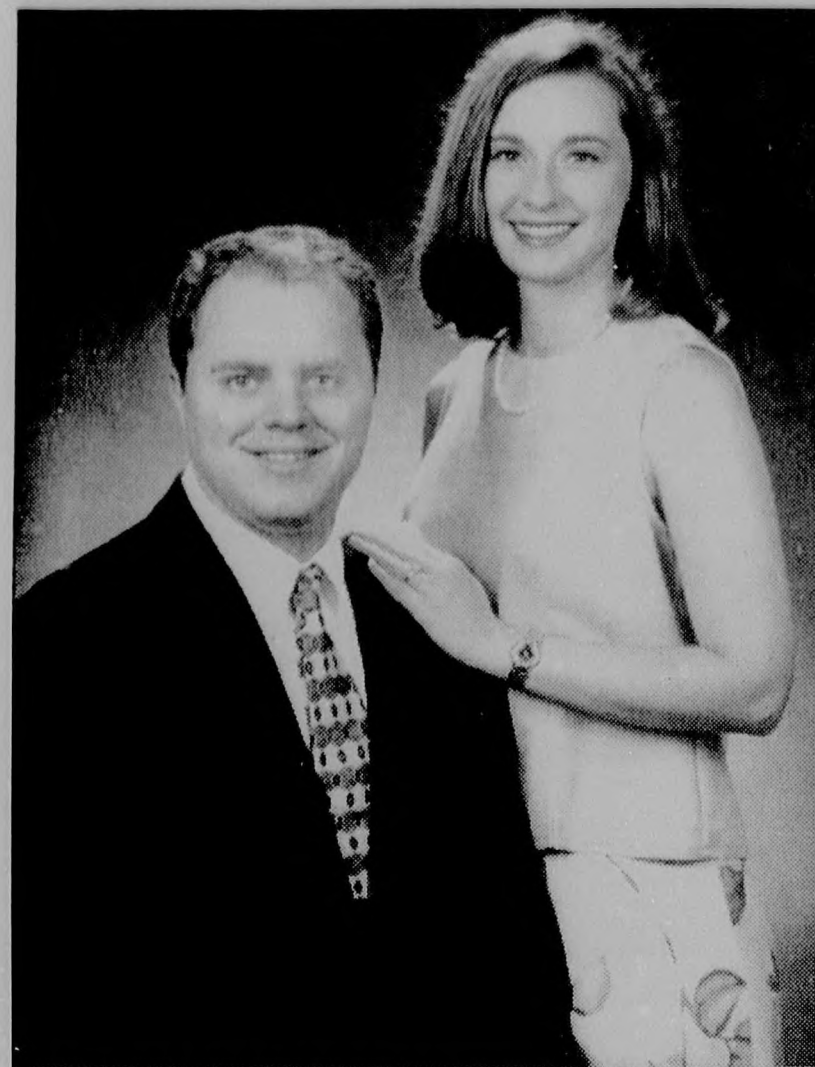
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LIFESTYLES

Miss Day and Mr. Hudson to be united in holy matrimony Saturday, August 29th



Mr. Hudson, Miss Day

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Hampton Day of Samson announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Beverly Dale, to Paul Hunter Hudson.

He is the son of Mrs. Clarence Helms Jr. of Elba and the late Paul J. Hudson.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Day, and Rev. and Mrs. Joe B. Grimes of Samson.

Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hudson of Elba, and the late Gladys P. Hudson; Mrs. W.H. Taylor of Elba, and the late Mr. W.H. Taylor, and the late Mary Francis Grimes Taylor.

The bride-elect is a senior at Auburn University where she is pursuing a degree in Human Development and Family Studies.

The future groom graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor of science degree in Forestry and is employed as a procurement forester in Elba.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, Aug. 29, at half past seven in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Finch at 408 W. Morris Street, Samson.

All friends and family are invited to attend the wedding and the reception.

Maddox-Glavan wedding planned for Saturday, August 15th



Miss Maddox, Mr. Glavan

Mr. and Mrs. James Trevlyn Maddox of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Melissa Maddox, to Michael Joseph Glavan III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph Glavan Jr. of Atmore.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. James Arthur Hudson and the late Mrs. Hudson of Elba, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Tellie Maddox of New Brockton.

She is a 1992 graduate of Elba High School. She attended the University of South Alabama where she pledged Alpha Gamma Delta social fraternity.

She received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Troy State University in 1997 and is employed with a firm in Bay Minette as staff accountant.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Charles Albert Eanes Sr. and the late Mr. Eanes of Mobile, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph Glavan Sr. of Mobile.

He is a graduate of McGill-Toolen High School in Mobile. He attended the University of South Alabama and is a 1997 graduate of Troy State University where he received a bachelor of science degree in social work. He is employed with an organization in Mobile as a licensed social worker.

The wedding ceremony is planned for Aug. 15, 1998, at First Baptist Church, Elba. A reception will follow the ceremony at Charleston House, Enterprise. All friends and relatives are invited.

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Miss Cooper

Miss Cooper &
Mr. Baird to share
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Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Cooper of Enterprise announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Joyce Marie Cooper, to Henry Franklin Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baird, of Enterprise.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Herbert and Joyce G. Cooper of Enterprise, and Gladys Richard and the late James W. Richard of Enterprise.

She is employed at Enterprise Nursing Home.

The future groom is the grandson of Betty Jane Baird and the late Henry Wilbur Baird of Ohio, and the late Franklin Fry Swanson and the late Hazel Virginia Swanson.

He is employed at an automobile and truck service in Level Plains.

The wedding will take place July 25 at six o'clock in the evening at Elba Deliverance Tabernacle.

All friends and relatives are invited.

Johnson Family
Reunion to be held in
New Brockton

The Rufe Johnson family reunion will be held July 18, 10 a.m. until - in the New Brockton Senior Citizens Building (formerly train depot - behind Big Little Store on Railroad Street).

Only covered dishes are required from home - tea and coffee will be served.

All friends and relatives are invited.

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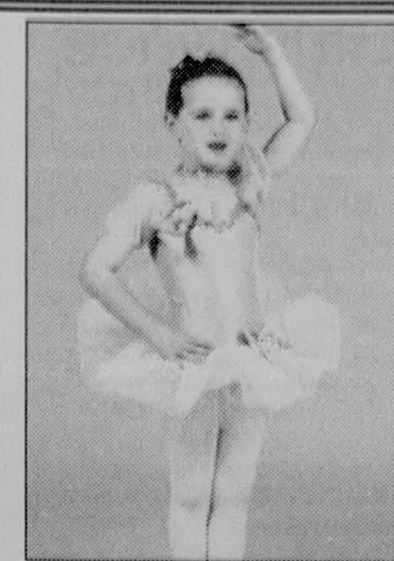
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LIFESTYLES

Rasmussen-Wilson country wedding held June 26th



Jacey Corley



Rebecca Morrow



Auburn Morrow

Dancers perform in recital

Jacey Corley participated in the Enterprise School of Dance recital May 30.

She is the 6-year-old daughter of Jud and Donna Corley of Enterprise, and granddaughter of Don and Becky Morrow, and Jack and Wanda Corley of Elba.

Rebecca and Auburn Morrow participated in the Shawnee Ballet Company spring recital May 23.

Rebecca is 5 years old and in her third year of dance.

Auburn is four years old in her first year.

They are the daughters of Joe and Wendy Morrow of Ball Ground, Ga.

Ashley Martin, daughter of Will and Melanie Martin celebrated her 4th birthday April 4, with a party at her home in Milbrook, AL.

The carport & deck area were decorated in the dress-up Minnie theme. After the young guests played in the backyard, everyone enjoyed the dress up Minnie cake, designed and made by Ashley's Dad & Mom, ice cream, cheese

puffs and drinks.

Helping Ashley celebrate this occasion were: Dad, Mom and Amanda, Pa. and Mama "B" Scarborough; Granddad & Gummy Martin; Aunt Terry & Anna Miller; Uncle Joey, Aunt Ann, Sarah Beth, & Joseph Ritchey; Roberta & Tiffany Newell; Lynne & Jessica Bozeman; Bruce Ginger & Morgan Gothard; Alex and Ashley Kron.

Liberty Church of Christ Homecoming & Gospel Meeting

Liberty Church of Christ will hold its annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting July 29 - 22, with guest speaker Barry Elliot, Minister of the Ope Church of Christ.

The church is located six miles south of Elba on Hwy. 87.

Everyone is invited.

regional singing 1:30 - 2, and afternoon sermon at 2 p.m.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday - Wednesday.

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Grandparents Riley Baxley Jr., Enterprise, and H. Christene McWaters Bolling announce the marriage of Lee Anne Wilson and William (Billy) Rasmussen on June 26, 1998, in a country wedding in Grandmother's back yard on Old Samson Road.

Lee Anne is the daughter of the late Debra Anne Baxley, and is a former resident of the New Hope Community. She is also the daughter of David Lee Wilson Sr., Biloxi, Miss.

She graduated from high school in Biloxi, Miss., in 1995, and is employed in a casino.

The groom's parents are William Rasmussen, Wiggins, Miss., and Joan Rasmussen, Hattiesburg, Miss. He is an entertainer.

Lee Anne was given in marriage by her father, David L. Wilson Sr. Her country-style dress, made by her grandmother, H. Christene Bolling, was of white eyelet material with a peasant off-the-shoulder top, featuring an eyelet ruffle, and a sash of blue ribbon which cascaded down the back. Her bridal bouquet featured blue and white roses, interspersed with tinier blue and white sprigs.

Janice Sykes served as her cousin's maid of honor. She wore a long, flowered, blue and white dress.

The groom was dressed in black pants with black jacket and white shirt. His best man, David Wilson Jr., brother of the bride, wore jeans and a white shirt.

Former Probate Judge Marion Brunson performed the ceremony.

Flower girls were Megan Bolling, cousin of the bride, daughter of Karen Bolling Elder, and Ali Childs, cousin of the bride, daughter of B. Alan and Trish Childs.

They wore white and yellow dresses and carried blue baskets trimmed with eyelet lace.

Ringbearer was Morgan Bolling, cousin of the bride, son of Amy and Jon Bolling. He was dressed in jeans and cotton shirt.

The yards, arbor and patio were decorated in white and navy blue flowers and ribbons; ferns were placed around trees which were decorated with blue ribbons.

RECEPTION
The reception and country-style dinner were held on the patio. The wedding cake was a white 3-tier, topped with miniature bride and groom, made by Jan Sykes, aunt of the bride, of Gautier, Miss.

Dinner menu consisted of chicken, potato salad, baked beans, corn bread and tea.

Country music, played by B. Ramey Bryan, Michael Corbitt, Emily Crowe, Jenny Ross, William Ross, Dana Stinson, Danielle Tew, Samuel White, from Jack: Angela Davis

The Chancellors List recognizes full-time undergraduate students earning a straight A average. The Provost's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students earning a grade point average of 3.65 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Locklar Reunion
to be held in
New Brockton

The annual Locklar reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Community Room of the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

The reunion, for the descendants of Henry and Hattie Locklar, will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon.

All relatives are invited.

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Li-Bo's Dance Barre will be on hand to service all dance wear needs.

All those interested in Competition Team, there will be a group meeting on Tuesday, July 21, at 4:00 p.m. at Park Memorial Methodist Church.

FALL CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 17th

SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melissa got her learner's permit back in March, and while she has put quite a few miles on the car since turning 15, last week she got the chance to log a bunch of miles with Dad sitting next to her in the front seat. I tried my best to offer support, and was calm and quiet when giving constructive criticism. Once I finally got her to drive over the "crooked bridge," her confidence level increased, and now maybe we are ready to do some driving out of town. Don't worry, we'll both have our seat belts fastened.

DUSTING OFF THE DSK...

***The Elba "16 and Under" girls All-Stars made the long trip to Boaz last weekend to compete at the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Softball Tournament, and while the girls really wanted to bring back a state title, they fell three wins short and had to settle for third place in the annual event. The girls were more than a little tired after the long ride Friday and didn't wake up early enough to pull out a win in their opener, but did bounce back Saturday and claimed two impressive wins before losing a heartbreaker in eight innings. The All-Stars represented Elba well at the state tournament, and the third place finish was the highest ever for an Elba team in the A.R.P.A. tourney. Good job, girls!

***One of the real "unsung" heroes at the state tournament didn't score a run, didn't get a hit, and didn't even get to play, but had a major impact on the success of the team in the tournament. Zion Chapel football coach Randy Grant accompanied his daughter Tara (the All-Star centerfielder) to the tournament, and while he did get to watch some of the games, the rest of the time he was cleaning out scrapes, applying band aids, applying ice to bruises and taping up various wounds so the girls could stay in the games. With only twelve players on the All-Star team, Elba didn't have any players to spare, and Coach Grant was the "Team Doctor" that kept the girls going throughout the tournament. Thanks, Doc, you were a real lifesaver!

***The Dixie Youth Sub-District Baseball Tournament is underway this week in Elba, and despite the rainy weather, the teams and coaches have all been pleased with the fields and hard work done by the crews putting on the event. The ground crew spent almost an hour Saturday night getting the field back in shape after a thunder storm, and has put in long hours each and every day making certain that the tournament will be a success. I guess the highlight of the action in the opening two days was the game between the Elba Americans and the Elba Nationals. The two teams battled until the final inning, when Layton Griffin drilled a three-run homer to give the Americans the historic win. The loss dropped the nationals into the loser's bracket, but the team battled back out and at press time this week both Elba teams were still alive and fighting. The tourney is scheduled to end tonight (Thursday).

***In closing...the local sports scene will slow down a little in the next couple of weeks, but I know all the local fishermen will still be busy, and I urge all the area anglers to drop by and let us show off your catch. The time will be right to get your smiling face - and your catch - in the paper.

Elba's 16-year-old All-Star Girls place third at state

The Elba Girl's Softball League's "16-Year-Old All-Stars" competed in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Softball Tournament last weekend in Boaz, and claimed two wins in four games to bring home third place honors in the prestigious tournament.

"We went to the state tournament a little short-handed and really didn't know what to expect," stated All-Star coach Ricky Mularz, "but the girls all played real hard in every game, and while we were all disappointed that we didn't win the tournament, the third place finish was the highest ever for an Elba team at an A.R.P.A. state tournament. The five-hour drive on Friday tired the girls out, and then they had to be back on the field Saturday morning for the first game of the day."

However, they never quit fighting and represented Elba very well. The umpires told me after the final game that our team displayed the best sportsmanship of any team in the tournament, and that was a compliment I was extremely proud to receive. These girls did everything that was asked of them and should be proud of what they accomplished."

Following are highlights of Elba's games at the state tournament:

RAIDERS 7 ELBA 4

The Elba All-Stars fell behind 7-1 early and saw a late rally fall short as the Raiders, of Pleasant Valley, held on to post a 7-4 win.

Elba grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when Michelle Lewis singled and later raced home on a two-out, rbi single by Melissa Mularz. However, the Raiders scored the next seven runs and jumped out to a big 7-1 lead in the third inning. Melissa Mularz singled and scored on a rbi double by Britany Mobley as the All-Stars pulled within 7-2 in the fifth, and

the sixth with a solo home-run, but it was too little, too late, as the Americans posted the 10-7 win. Eric Bowers and Drew Donaldson both got 2 hits for the Americans, while Layton Griffin ripped a home-run. Wesley Grant got 2 hits for the Nationals, with Colby Capps hitting a home-run.

**SECOND ROUND:
ELBA NATIONALS 10
HARTFORD 2**

The Elba Americans rallied to score seven unanswered runs to claim a wild 10-7 win over the Elba Nationals. The Americans scored 3 runs in the top of the first behind the clutch hitting of Drew Donaldson to grab a quick 3-0 lead, but the Nationals refused to quit and plated a run in the second as Wesley Grant singled and later scored on an error. The Nationals broke loose for five runs in the bottom of the third to go ahead 6-3, with the key hit being a single by Wesley Grant that drove in two runs. However, this time it was the Americans that staged a rally, as an Eric Bowers single helped the Americans pull within 7-6 in the fifth, and a 3-run homer by Layton Griffin in the sixth helped push the Americans out to a 10-6 advantage. Colby Capps led off the bottom of

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Mularz later ripped a two-run homer to pull Elba within 7-4. The All-Stars had a chance to close the deficit even further, but left two runners on base and took the loss.

Melissa Mularz got 3 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Melanie McGlothlen added 2 hits.

**ELBA 7
LADY JACKETS 4**

The Elba All-Stars pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Lady Jackets, of Oxford, 7-4, in loser's bracket action.

Kendra Vaughan ripped a triple and scored on a fielder's choice as Elba pulled even at 1-1 in the bottom of the first, and the All-Stars played 3 runs in the second to grab an early 4-1 advantage. Roshanda McKinnon, Melissa Mularz and Britany Mobley all singled and scored in the inning for 4-3.

The Lady Raiders cut the lead to 4-3 in the third, but McKinnon and Mularz continued their torrid batting in the fourth and both scored as the Stars pushed their advantage to 7-3. Kendra Vaughan hit a solo home-run in the sixth to close out the scoring for Elba, as the All-Stars held on for the 7-4 win.

Kendra Vaughan hit a triple and a home-run, and scored 2 runs, to lead Elba at the plate, while Roshanda McKinnon added two hits and scored two runs, and Melissa Mularz also scored twice.

**ELBA 17
WOODLAND BLDG. 7**

The Elba All-Stars spotted Woodland Building, of Woodland, an early 2-0 lead and then came storming back to post a lopsided 17-7 win, in five innings.

Woodland jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but Elba's Kendra Vaughan ripped a lead-off home-run in the bottom of the frame

to get the All-Stars rolling, and Leslie Stinson and Melissa Mularz both added rbi doubles as Elba grabbed a 3-2 lead after one inning of play.

The Elba defense blanked Woodland in the top of the second, and the bats then began to heat up as the All-Stars scored 9 runs in the third three-year rotation. The first thing to do is decide which vegetable you would like to grow. Then fit them into a good rotation.

Second, it is important to know the vegetable families. Many vegetables belong to the same family. For example, watermelons and squash are in the Cucurbit family so you don't want to plant watermelons where you planted squash last year. Nematoe and diseases build up white soil nutrients are depleted when planting the same family of vegetables in the same location two years in a row.

Here is an easy guide to grouping vegetables by families for successful rotation.

1. LEGUMINOSAE: garden peas, field peas, lima beans, butterbeans, soybeans, pole beans

2. SOLANACEAE: potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, pepper

3. CRUCIFERAE: cabbage, collards, cauliflower, broccoli, brussels sprouts, kale, rutabaga, mustard greens, kohlrabi, radish

4. AMARYLLIDACEAE: chives, leeks, onions, shallots, garlic

5. GRAMINEAE: sweet corn, field corn, pop corn

6. CONVULVACEAE: sweet potato

7. CUCURBITACEAE: watermelons, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, honeydew, acorn squash

8. MALVACEAE: okra

9. UMBELLIFERAE: carrots, fennel, parsley, celery, parsnip

10. CHENOPODIACEAE: beet, swiss chard, spinach

You may want to add to your garden rotation scheme a green manure crop. Milium works good in the summer and rye, wheat or oats work well in the winter.

Another good strategy is to save a bare spot in July or August that you can cover with clear plastic and let the sun solarize your soil, killing nematodes, disease organisms and weed seeds.

Most crops do best on a one-in-seven-year rotation. Most of us do not have that luxury. But any steps you take to rotate your garden will be worthy investments. All the money you spend purchasing more fertilizer or chemicals to control disease and insects will not outweigh the benefits you will gain from a good garden rotation.

**SANDRA COFFEY
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BREWING TEA**

While most people associate E. Coli bacteria with meat, it has been found on vegetables as well as in fruit juices and brewed tea. E. Coli bacteria has been found both in tea leaves and in brewed tea. There are nearly 200 different strains of E. Coli bacteria. While most of these can cause illness, there are a few that are potentially deadly, most notably E. Coli O157. E. Coli bacteria found on the tea leaves and in the brewed beverage are probably the result of fecal contamination. Tea leaves are often dried in open air conditions - creating the opportunity for bird droppings or other animal waste to become mixed in.

To limit the risks of foodborne illness caused by tea, new recommendations for brewing it have been developed. Perhaps the most important of these is that people should no longer make sun tea (where the heat of the sun warms the water and steep the tea). The reason is that the tea doesn't reach 175 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature recommended to kill the E. Coli bacteria.

You should brew all tea to a minimum temperature of 175 degrees. To do this, bring your water to a rolling boil (a boil that continues even if you stir the water) and then add either tea bags or loose tea. Remove from the heat, cover and allow the tea to steep at least five minutes.

You should refrigerate sweetened tea immediately to prevent it from fermenting. Unsweetened tea should not be kept at room temperature for more than eight hours. While fermented tea isn't dangerous, it may develop an off-taste. Store tea in clean containers and never add fresh tea to a container with tea already in it.

FOOD PRESERVATION

Food preservation time is here! The Farmers Market has begun in New Brockton, and a lot of people are beginning to preserve fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you don't have a garden, come by on Tuesday or Friday morning for an excellent choice of peas, tomatoes, butterbeans, etc. Remember, they sell out early, so come early! The market opens around 7 a.m.

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Helpful Hints From Your County Agents

RICHARD PETCHER
County Extension Agent

GARDEN ROTATION IS KEY

Most Coffee County gardeners have a pea patch of southern peas and butterbeans, second a corn patch and third, a small plot of all the other vegetables. They then rotate these three plots.

This doesn't fit everyone, but it works well for those who rotate their garden in this three-year rotation. The first thing to do is decide which vegetable you would like to grow. Then fit them into a good rotation.

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COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION

The annual meeting of the **COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION** will be held on **FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1998 at 6:30 P.M.** at the **ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

The **COFFEE COUNTY MISS AGRICULTURE PAGEANT** will be held **AT THE SAME TIME.** There will be **ENTERTAINMENT & DOOR PRIZES.**

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!!!

Miss Agriculture Pageant & Talent Contest to be held

RICHARD PETCHER
County Extension Agent

The Coffee County Miss Agriculture Pageant will be held at Elba High School Friday, July 24, 1998, at 7 p.m.

Winners of the pageant will receive an expense-paid trip to the state competition in Mobile.

For more information and application, call Betsy Watson, 897-8243.

The pageant is being sponsored by the Young Farmers of Coffee County.

Also, the Coffee County Farmers Federation will hold their annual talent contest on Friday, July 24, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium.

The contest is open to males and females between the ages of 17-25. A luncheon and an interview process will be held.

The winner will receive a cash prize and an all expense paid trip to the state competition in Mobile. There is no entry fee.

For more information call Betsy Watson at 897-8243 or Sharon Caylor at 894-5624.

Reporting date extended for certifying pasture

For the 1998 crop year only, the final reporting date for certifying native and seeded permanent pasture has been extended to Sept. 15, 1998, according to David W. Eaddy, Executive Director, Coffee County Farm Service Agency.

This extension is based on an anticipated dramatic increase in requests for Noninsured assistance Program requests due to adverse weather conditions.

Contact the county FSA office for further details.

There is a wide variety of watering systems. Farmers spend thousands, even hundreds of thousands of dollars on irrigating systems. For the small home gardener, though, we can usually get the job done with very simple, inexpensive, systems. The most popular of these is probably the traditional overhead sprinkler which can be moved around from spot to spot in the garden.

Another is soaker hoses which can be laid right down the row. They are easy to use and relatively inexpensive. They get the water right to the base of the plant where it is most effective while the sprinkler spreads the water around the whole area and evaporation or runoff often takes its toll.

For some individual plants such as tomatoes and peppers, you might want to invest in a drip irrigation system. It is not as expensive or complicated to use, as you might think, and drip irrigation will put the moisture right on target.

A favorite trick of mine is to partially sink an empty one-half gallon plastic jug in the ground right next to a tomato or pepper plant. I add a couple of small holes to the bottom edge and fill the jug with a water-soluble fertilizer or just plain water. With the cap tightened on the jug, the liquid slowly soaks right down to the roots of the plant without any significant runoff, evaporation or wet foliage.

Another thing most gardeners agree on, especially with overhead sprinklers, is to water the garden early in the morning if possible and get the job finished by late afternoon. The damp foliage can dry out before nighttime and minimize the promotion of some plant diseases.

Many gardeners hold that watering in the afternoon might cause plants to burn. Others say you should simply water when you must.

You can conserve water by mulching. Not only does mulch help slow down runoff and loss by evaporation, but you get the added benefit of cutting down on the growth of weeds. Mulch is also effective in some insect and disease control.

Whatever watering methods you use, make sure you are getting the soil damp at least four or five inches deep. One thing to guard against is over-watering. Some plants can't tolerate wet feet. After a good watering dig a little hole and see if the moisture extends down to a depth of four or five inches. Make sure there are no puddles of excess water standing around the base of your plants.

Scout your garden every morning if you can, and observe if the plants are refreshed and healthy-looking. If those plants still look wilted in the early morning, turn on that faucet. But first, please observe any existing city or county watering restrictions during dry periods.

Oh, and by the way, "Water, water, everywhere..." was written by Samuel Taylor Coleridge in *The Ancient Mariner*. Well, I was just certain you would know that.

Grace Christian Fellowship to hold Revival Services

The Grace Christian Fellowship Assembly of God Church will have revival services July 26 - 31, with Rev. Holly Bradley of Enterprise as guest speaker.

Sunday evening services will begin at 6 o'clock; Monday - Friday

at 7 p.m. There will be special singing each evening.

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AUCTION - Saturday, July 25, 2002, two locations, 10 a.m. - South Fort Subdivision, Sylvania (DeKalb County), AL, 22 lots, free selling absolute, 1 p.m. - four large, brown lots on Lookout Mountain, near Sand Rock (Cherokee County), AL. Mid-States Auctioneers, (256) 523-5110, J.E. Mitchell, #822.

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ELBA: Part-time - 3.5 or above with 6 or more quarter hours — Misty Lane Bolland, Cary McLeod Clark

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Advisers may participate in one of these tracks with their student, or they may choose the adviser track, and by doing so can register to receive continuing education credits.

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***Employed Cathy Sawyer as a gifted education teacher for the county school system.

***Employed Lynn Reeves as a special education teacher at NBES.

Support Personnel

***Granted Karin Snellgrove a one-year leave of absence.

***Employed Lajuan Dickey as a bus driver at ZCES.

***Employed Brenda Johnson as an Alternative Education aide at ZCES.

***Employed Mary Kelley as a custodian at ZCES.

***Employed Rhonda Williams as a clerical aide at KHS.

***Employed Sherry Spivey as an instructional aide at ZCES.

***Employed James Carter as a

clerical aide at ZCES.

***Employed Sandy Reeves as an instructional aide for the drug educational program at Kinston Elementary School (KES).

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Elba youth, firemen & policemen presented Certificates of Commendation

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A number of commendations were given out to Elba citizens at the Elba City Council meeting of July 13th. These people were honored for their efforts to save drowning victims during the March 8th flood which devastated Elba.

Shunta Sams was presented both a Resolution for Outstanding Heroism by the Alabama Senate and a Certificate of Commendation by Governor Fob James Jr. for his efforts that morning.

Elba police officers and members of the volunteer fire department who went into the waters that morning to assist a family swept off the road by the swift water were also presented certificates from Governor James. Firemen honored were Wayne

Jackson, J. C. Smith, Dennis Manning and Greg Gibson. Elba police officers receiving the certificates were Johnny Senn and Dean Blair.

Lillian Horstead, who doesn't swim, was a passenger in a car driven by her 23 year-old daughter Tanya Tyson when it was swept off MLK Drive early on the morning of March 8th. The accident happened just outside the levee on Martin L. King Drive. She credited 16 year old Shunta Sams, one of the boys from the neighborhood, with saving her life. In an interview with this newspaper immediately after the flood, Horstead said she wasn't worried that the rescuers wouldn't pull her out, "I was hollering too much for them to leave me." She said the water was up to her chin when Sams swam to the car, opened the door

and pulled out the survivors. In addition to Mrs. Thigpin, Tanya Tyson and Tyson's 3 year-old son, Shannon James were saved from the raging waters by Sams', and others, who disregard for their own safety to help the submerged family. Two of the occupants drowned in the accident. Both 17-year-old Edward Horstead, brother of Tanya Tyson and Tyson's 4-year-old daughter Marquandale Thigpin failed to reach safety.

Sams, a student at Elba High School, received the highest recognition. The Senate resolution by Senator Adams said, the youth "...showed exceptional bravery and concern for others in a life-threatening situation." It continued with, "...we hereby most highly commend Shunta Sams of Elba, Alabama, whose brave actions exemplify the highest degree of concern of one human being for another in distress, and for whom a copy of this resolution shall be provided with sincere admiration and esteem."

News reports immediately after the flood prompted at least one *Elba Clipper* reader from out-of-state to send Sams a nice size check of gratitude for being "a hero."

The Certificate of Commendations from Governor Fob James for Sams, the firemen and police officers read: "I commend your heroic attempt to save the life of others, while risking your own life during the recent floods in Elba, Alabama. Your bravery and quick response to this emergency is most admirable. You have my personal best wishes for continued health and happiness throughout, and may God continue to richly bless you and your family."



ELBA HIGH TEENAGER Shunta Sams was presented two awards at the July 13th Elba City Council meeting for his act of heroism in saving the lives of three people during the Elba flood of March 8th. Presenting the awards to Sams is State Senator Dwight Adams.



MEMBERS OF THE Elba Volunteer Fire Department were honored at a recent Elba City Council meeting for their efforts to save drowning victims in the March 8th flood. The firemen were each presented Certificate of Commendation from Alabama Governor Fob James, Jr. Presenting the certificates was State Senator Dwight Adams.

Pictured from left to right are: Wayne Jackson, J. C. Smith, Senator Adams, Dennis Manning and Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers. Not pictured, but also honored was Greg Gibson.



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Pictured from left to right are: Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, policemen Johnny Senn and Dean Blair, and Senator Adams.

Dorsey Trailers showing profitability

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The good economic news in Elba continues to mirror that of the national scene. Tuesday afternoon Dorsey Trailers released financial results which shows the local trailer manufacturing firm returning to profitability with a profit of \$106,000 for the second quarter of 1998. This is a tremendous turn around from the same period last year when the company reported a loss of \$2.9 million. For the six months which ended July 4, 1998, the company reported a net loss of \$541,000, a tremendous improvement from a net loss of \$8.45 million for the same period in 1997.

The second quarter profit is equal to 2¢ per share, compared to a loss in the same period last year of 60¢ per share. The company is still reporting a loss of 11¢ per share for the first six months of the fiscal year, but that is greatly improved from the \$1.70 per share loss in the first six months of 1997.

Net sales for the second quarter of 1998 were \$39.9 million compared to net sales for the same period in 1997 of \$40.0 million. New trailer sales revenue for the second quarter of 1998 increased by 10% to \$38.6 million compared with new trailer

sales for the same period in 1997 of \$35.1 million. The company continues to benefit from increased sales of new trailers with the first six months of 1998 totaling \$72.5 million compared with new trailers sales of \$67.3 million for the same six months in 1997. Company management is quoted estimating that the March flood in Elba cost the company approximately \$6 million in new trailer sales.

Marlyn Marks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, commenting on the results, stated, "We are very pleased to report our return to profitability attributed to quite significant improvements in all areas of the company. The first six months of the year showed a \$7.9 million improvement in profitability over the same period last year. The continuing improvements are a result of a more profitable product mix, and increased pricing. We attribute the gains made in pricing and product mix to our renewed focus in the last year on customized trailers, niche markets and the strong market for transportation equipment. This renewed focus on customized trailers has been accomplished through a renewed emphasis on markets served by Dorsey's independent dealer network, providing opportunities to optimize our

well-known design and manufacturing capabilities, outside the traditional commodity trailer market. The profitable contributions of our two newest plants in Georgia and South Carolina continued to increase as production rates and manufacturing efficiencies were increased during the quarter for the specialty trailers these plants produce."

Marks went on to say, "The truck trailer industry's recent build rate has outstripped industry suppliers' production capacity. Consequently, the industry experienced shortages

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Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION The Coffee County Farmers Federation will hold their annual talent contest and Miss Agriculture pageant on Friday, July 24, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. For more information call Betsy Watson at 897-8243 or Sharon Caylor at 894-5624.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bimonthly meeting Monday, July 27, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

AREA SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE START DATES The Elba City Schools will begin classes on Tuesday, August 11, 1998. Elba's teacher in-service has been rescheduled to August 4th. Coffee County Schools will begin on Wednesday, August 5, 1998, for the 1998-99 school year. In order to ensure a smooth opening, parents who plan for their children to attend Kinston, New Brockton or Zion Chapel schools for the first time should register their children at the respective schools between July 20 and July 31. The school offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily.

SEVENTH GRADE ORIENTATION Elba High School will have 7th grade orientation Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium, for students and parents. Students will pick up their schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. A 7th grade supply list will be furnished.

VIETNAM VETS MEETING Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 6, 1998, at the Clayhatchee Community Building. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. sharp. All veterans and their families are invited to attend. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

Wreck seriously injures Elba youth

On Thursday, July 9, shortly after 5:00 p.m., an Elba youth was seriously injured in a one-vehicle wreck.

Josh Prettyman, 17, was traveling west on Co. Rd. 408 in a 1997 Pontiac when he left the road. The accident occurred near the Curtis Community approximately 4 miles west of Elba. The roads were wet due to the heavy rains that had been and were falling at the time of the wreck.

Prettyman was transported to Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS and was later transferred to Medical Center Enterprise.

Form Enterprise he was taken to Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

The young man's eighth vertebrae was crushed and his sternum was fractured. He has undergone surgery and will have to undergo extensive rehabilitation.

According to medical sources, Prettyman was transferred to Shepard Center in Atlanta, Georgia. This is a hospital that specializes in

the treatment of back and spinal cord injuries and it is here that he will begin his rehabilitation. Prettyman will be in Atlanta six to eight weeks.

A Josh Prettyman Fund has been established at SouthTrust Bank branches in Elba, Opp, and Enterprise to assist the young man

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State offering \$3,000 reward for information in missing Boll Weevil

Last week, District attorney Mark E. Fuller requested Governor Fob James to authorize the maximum reward in the theft of the historical Boll Weevil Monument.

The monument was stolen sometime in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 11, 1998. At the present time, the Enterprise Police Department has made no arrests or has any suspects in the case.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1998, Gov. James authorized a reward of \$3,000 regarding the theft of the historical Boll Weevil. The reward will be paid to anyone offering information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty person or persons involved.

Enterprise Mayor Johnny Henderson has indicated that he is proposing, and encouraging, the city council to authorize an additional reward as authorized by law. Mayor Henderson expects action to be taken at the next regular meeting of the council.

Anyone having information concerning the theft of the monument is encouraged to call the Enterprise Police Department at 347-1211 or they can call the District Attorney's Office at 347-1142.

DA Fuller has expressed his appreciation to both Gov. James and

Mayor Henderson in their efforts to assist in this investigation. The theft of the monument is classified as theft in the first degree under Alabama Law and carries a penalty

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NEWS BRIEF

Sales persons have been contacting local business owners in Elba soliciting ads for a poster with Elba's football schedule on it. Elba Coach David Sikes states that the athletic department has not authorized this solicitation on its behalf nor will it receive any benefits from the sale of advertisement for this poster. Also, officials at Elba High School and representatives of the Elba Athletic Club state that they are not involved in this venture either. Anyone approached by these individuals or anyone else by phone or in person should contact the Elba Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Elba school officials at 897-2266 to verify their authenticity.